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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Foreign Networks Division, OC

FROM:

[Redacted]

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Chief, Engineering Support Group, FBIS

SUBJECT:

Conversion to ASCII

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1. FBIS has been working with the Office of Communications for some time to effect conversion of our network to full ASCII. ASCII tests and experiments to date have all been unsuccessful due to the inability of the Pentagon telecommunication unit's computer to accurately translate incoming ASCII code from [Redacted]

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2. FBIS has been vigorously lobbying the Pentagon to modernize their system and after many meetings and considerable pressure they have agreed to do so. Their schedule indicates full ASCII service will be available by September 1988. [Redacted]

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3. FBIS, with your cooperation, would like to begin conversion to ASCII, once this new capability is fully operational. Our preference is to convert Vienna, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Key West, Tel Aviv, and Panama immediately and our other bureaus (Seoul, Nicosia, Paraguay, Jordan, Swaziland, Abidjan, Okinawa, and London) as they receive the hardware/software necessary for ASCII transmission during 1989-90. [Redacted]

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4. Please forward any comments to [Redacted] FBIS' point of contact for this issue. Should you require further information, he can be reached on [Redacted]

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